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SUBJECT: MOD LEBER'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH SECDEF BROWN

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1. FRG DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT, DR. BLOCH, TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR TODAY THAT MINISTER LEBER WOULD WANT PARTICULARLY TO DISCUSS WITH SECRETARY BROWN THE GENERAL STRATEGIC SITUATION. BLOCH SAID LEBER BELIEVED SUCH A DISCUSSION WOULD SET THE FRAMEWORK UNDER WHICH PARTICULAR TOPICS COULD BE HANDLED. HE SAID SUCH A DISCUSSION SHOULD INCLUDE MUTUAL EXCHANGES APPRAISING THREAT AS WELL AS OUTLINING CONCEPTS REGARDING THE BEST BALANCE FOR NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL DETERRENT FORCES.

2. BLOCH SAID THAT LEBER WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED AND DELIGHTED TO DISCUSS OTHER TOPICS, BUT THAT HE WISHED TO BEGIN WITH A STRATEGIC DISCUSSION IN ORDER TO

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ESTABLISH A BACKGROUND AGAINST WHICH OTHER TOPICS COULD BE DISCUSSED. HE SAID LEBER WOULD, OF COURSE, BE OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS.

3. BLOCH ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED, BUT HAD NOT BEEN REQUESTED TO STATE OFFICIALLY, THAT LEBER WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY BROWN BEFORE THE NEXT DPC MEETING.

HE SAID THAT THIS, OF COURSE, DEPENDED ON THE SECRETARY'S
WISHES.

4. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT MINISTER LEBER
WILL BE DIRECTLY IN TOUCH WITH SECRETARY BROWN REGARDING
A MEETING.

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